

Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council
Meeting Summary

Thursday, March 24, 2016

The Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home
4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538

1. **Introductions**: Acting Commissioner of Planning and Development, Mr. Eoin Wrafter, opened the meeting and indicated that he would be representing County Executive Marc Molinaro as Council Chairperson. Attendees introduced themselves (see attached attendance list).

2. **Public Participation**: Mr. Eoin Wrafter opened the meeting for public comments. None were received.

3. **Approval of Minutes**: The March 12, 2015 minutes were presented for approval.

MOTION: To approve minutes was moved by Mr. Ray Oberly (T. Clinton) and seconded by Mr. Bob LaColla (T. Fishkill). All were in favor.

4. **New Business**: Eight (8) resolutions were on the agenda for Council approval. Mr. Mark Debald, Transportation Program Administrator, explained each resolution as follows:

- a. **Resolution 16-01 (PDCTC Bylaws Amendment)** – Mr. Debald explained that this amendment allows for the use of written and email ballots to determine consensus and make decisions. Other MPOs across the State also use this method when deciding on less critical actions.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 16-01 was moved by Mr. Marc Albrecht (MTA) and seconded by Mr. Mark Figliozzi (T. Pleasant Valley). All were in favor.

- b. **Resolution 16-02 (SFY 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program)** – Mr. Debald explained that the UPWP defines the MPO's tasks and budget for the upcoming State Fiscal Year, which begins April 1, 2016. The majority of funding (80%) comes from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration and the remaining (20%) local match comes from State and county sources. NYSDOT provides 75% of the local match and the county provides 25%. Mr. Debald reviewed the funding allocations and noted that the Council typically does not spend all programmed funds; if all of the funds are not spend, we do not lose the funding, they are placed in our savings backlog. The new UPWP Task Codes list was included and Mr. Debald explained the categories and tasks on the list. Mr. Bob LaColla (T. Fishkill) noted that the Town of Fishkill has received a Local Government Efficiency grant and a collaborative effort could be possible between this program and the Cornell Local Roads pavement scoring

program; he encouraged the PDCTC and municipal officials to support this effort and to help beta test the program's new software package.

MOTION: To adopt the Resolution 16-02 was moved by Mr. Bob LaColla (T. Fishkill) and seconded by Mr. Mark Figliozzi (T. Pleasant Valley). All were in favor.

- c. **Resolution 16-03 (Moving Dutchess 2)** – Mr. Debald gave a presentation on *Moving Dutchess 2*, the new 25-year Metropolitan Transportation Plan for Dutchess County. The long-range plan identifies strategies to preserve and improve the local and regional transportation systems to meet existing and future travel demands. Mr. Debald highlighted the PDCTC's analysis of existing transportation data, including bridge data, public transit data, and crash data. The plan includes over 170 specific recommendations within a variety of overarching categories, including: highway & bridge, transit, safety, pedestrian-bicycle, and planning studies. These recommendations were developed based on the analysis of transportation data, a review of existing guidance, input from State and local agencies, and feedback from the public. Mr. Debald summarized the public comments received related to *Moving Dutchess 2*, which were largely focused on safety/access issues for pedestrians/bicyclists throughout the County. Mr. Alan Bell (T. LaGrange) requested that PDCTC staff distribute the recommendations maps for each municipality to the respective municipal official (*which has been subsequently completed*).

MOTION: To adopt the Resolution 16-03 was moved by Mr. Mark Figliozzi (T. Pleasant Valley) and seconded by Mr. Alan Bell (T. LaGrange). All were in favor.

- d. **Resolution 16-04 (FFY 2015 FTA Section 5307/5340 TMA Distribution)** – Mr. Debald explained this was the first in a series of resolutions related to regional transit funding. Mr. Debald explained how transit funds are allocated to the region. Transit funding flows from the FTA to our urbanized area, not directly to the counties or MPO's. FTA allocates transit funding to our urbanized area - the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh NY-NJ Urbanized Area (also known as UZA 89). This UZA was designated by the Census Bureau in 2012 as a result of the 2010 Census. Since the UZA includes two States, New York and New Jersey must first agree on how FTA funds will be distributed between the States, before each can then sub-allocate to the counties and MPOs. Mr. Debald explained that these funds, as part of the urbanized area formula program, support bus purchases, preventive maintenance, and operations for local transit operators. Ms. Cynthia Ruiz (DCPT) noted that these allocations are based on the NYSDOT formula which comes from passenger statistics reported through the National Transit Database (NTD). Using this formula, the TMA agreed upon the 5307 distribution between the three counties in New York, the MTA, and private bus operators that provide public commuter services. For FFY 2015, Dutchess County (Dutchess County Public Transit and City of Poughkeepsie) will receive a total of \$1,879,481; funds are based on 2014 operating statistics.

MOTION: To adopt the Resolution 16-04 was moved by Mr. Anthony Ruggerio, designee for Mr. Randy Casale (C. Beacon) and seconded by Mr. Mark Figliozi (T. Pleasant Valley). All were in favor.

- e. **Resolution 16-05 (FFY 2015 FTA Section 5307/5340 PDCTC Sub-allocation)** – Mr. DeBald noted this is the PDCTC's sub-allocation of the FFY 2015 funds approved by the TMA (and the PDCTC in Resolution 16-05). This represents the PDCTC's internal distribution between Dutchess County Public Transit (\$1,318,869) and the City of Poughkeepsie (\$560,612), and is based on passenger miles provided by the operators.

MOTION: To adopt the Resolution 16-05 was moved by Mr. Mark Figliozi (T. Pleasant Valley) and seconded by Mr. Brian Coons (T. Pine Plains). All were in favor.

- f. **Resolution 16-06 (FFY 2015 FTA Section 5339 TMA Distribution)** – This resolution seeks approval for the allocation of FFY 2015 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 formula funds in the three-county Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA). These funds stem from the federal authorizations to the TMA (UZA 89) under the Bus and Bus Facilities Program. FTA Section 5339 funds flow to the TMA, responsibility for which is shared by three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs): the PDCTC, OCTC, and UCTC. As for FTA Section 5307, the three Councils must first agree to the TMA allocation, prior to distributing the transit funds to their respective public bus operators. The OCTC and UCTC must approve similar resolutions. For FFY 2015, Dutchess County (Dutchess County Public Transit and City of Poughkeepsie) will receive a total of \$881,096; the funding amounts are based on vehicle fleet sizes.

MOTION: To adopt the Resolution 16-06 was moved by Mr. Mark Figliozi (T. Pleasant Valley) and seconded by Mr. Alan Bell (T. LaGrange). All were in favor.

- g. **Resolution 16-07 (FFY 2015 FTA Section 5339 PDCTC Sub-allocation)** – The PDCTC (like the FTA Section 5307 distribution) sub-allocates FTA Section 5339 funds to the two public bus operators in Dutchess County: Dutchess County Public Transit and the City of Poughkeepsie bus system. For FFY 2015, Dutchess County Public Transit will receive \$752,937 and the City of Poughkeepsie \$128,159. The County and City sub-allocations are based on vehicle fleet size.

MOTION: To adopt the Resolution 16-07 was moved by Ms. Lori Jiava (T. Wappinger) and seconded by Mr. Bob LaColla (T. Fishkill). All were in favor.

- h. **Resolution 16-08 (FFY 2013-2015 FTA Section 5307/5340 Unallocated)** – Mr. DeBald explained how a portion (\$3.6 million) of the approximately \$8.6 million in FFY 2013-2015 unallocated funds would be used to purchase eight (8) medium-duty buses and fund RailLink operations for Dutchess County Public Transit, purchase three (3) medium-duty buses for Ulster County Area Transit, and support regional transit planning, such as the completion of a regional transit plan. This resolution has been agreed to by the

TMA, including Orange and Ulster counties. The remaining balance of almost \$5 million will be available for future programming. Mr. Debald noted that there is no pressing need to spend this unallocated balance, as the money will not expire in the near future.

MOTION: To adopt the Resolution 16-08 was moved by Mr. Mark Figliozi (T. Pleasant Valley) and seconded by Mr. Brian Coons (T. Pine Plains). All were in favor.

5. Communications and Reports:

Mr. Mark Debald announced that the PDCTC is nearing completion of the Upper Route 9G Corridor Management Plan (CMP). The next phase in the study will be to garner public feedback regarding the draft recommendations from the plan; he expects this study will be complete in summer 2016.

Mr. Debald also noted that the PDCTC 2016 traffic count program is underway. PDCTC staff will reach out to local municipal officials/highway superintendents for feedback on the proposed count locations for this year.

Mr. Debald informed the Council that the PDCTC will undergo a sidewalk study for the Arlington Business Improvement District during the spring/summer of this year.

Mr. Debald stated that the PDCTC, in conjunction with Dutchess County DPW, will initiate a new project with the Cornell Local Roads Program (CLRP) to evaluate pavement conditions on non-federal aid eligible local roads in Dutchess County this summer. The project seeks to provide data on existing conditions to local highway departments so they can more effectively program capital funding.

6. Call for Announcements:

Mr. Eoin Wrafter announced that Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress has issued a survey on local infrastructure and all municipal officials are encouraged to participate.

Mr. Bob LaColla (T. Fishkill) welcomed Mr. Todd Westhuis (NYSDOT – Region 8) to the Executive Council and congratulated him on his new position. Mr. Westhuis informed the group that his appointment to Regional Director is now a permanent position.

7. Adjourn:

MOTION: To adjourn moved by Ms. Lori Jiava (T. Wappinger), and seconded by Mr. Bell, (T. LaGrange). All were in favor.

Meeting Attendance List

	First Name	Last Name	Affiliation	Phone Number
1	Don	Beer	Town of Poughkeepsie designee	845-790-4736
2	Mark	Debald	PDCTC	845-486-3600
3	Barbara	Zulauf	Town of Beekman	845-724-5300 x 225
4	Marc	Albrecht	MTA designee	212-878-7082
5	Marleen	Stein	MTA	212-878-7080
6	Cynthia	Ruiz	DC Public Transit	845-473-8521
7	John	Hickman	Town of East Fishkill	845-221-4303
8	Karen	Sorrell	City of Poughkeepsie designee	845-451-4211
9	Alan	Bell	Town of LaGrange	845-452-9062
10	Bob	LaColla	Town of Fishkill	845-831-7800
11	Tom	Weiner	NYSDOT – Region 8	845-431-5723
12	Noel	Knille	DCDPW	845-486-2085
13	Emily	Svenson	Town of Hyde Park designee	845-489-2286
14	Brian	Coons	Town of Pine Plains	518-398-3600
15	Lori	Jiava	Town of Wappinger	845-297-2744
16	Anthony	Ruggerio	City of Beacon designee	845-838-5009
17	Ray	Oberly	Town of Clinton	845-266-5721 x 105
18	Mark	Figliozi	Town of Pleasant Valley	845-635-3598
19	Linda	French	Town of Dover	845-832-6111
20	Todd	Westhuis	NYSDOT – Region 8	845-431-5150
21	Chris	Baiano	County Executive office	845-486-2000
22	Eoin	Wrafter	DC Planning, Chairperson designee	845-486-3600
23	Leah	Mosall	MTA	212-878-4605
24	John	Karge	Village of Wappingers Falls	845-297-8773
25	Shelby	Tompkins	PDCTC	845-486-3600